

Shrewsbury Commission on Disabilities  
Minutes, March 11, 2003

John Harris, Joe Bellil, Jerry Berrier, Daniel Morgado, and two visitors were present; Gail Sokolowski was excused due to illness. Emily Gerber was not in attendance.

Chairman Harris opened the meeting at Town Hall at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes of our February meeting were accepted after one correction. (The letter to Barry Shore was sent by Mr. Morgado, not Mr. Harris.)

Mr. Bellil moved and Jerry seconded a motion to approve the corrected minutes.

Liaison Report: Mr. Morgado reported that there have been no inquiries and no complaints since our last meeting.

- ❑ He sent a letter to Edgemere Discount Spirits along with DOJ ADA compliance materials for small businesses.
- ❑ Mr. Morgado's understanding is that access issues at the Historical Society brick schoolhouse are to be remedied as planned as soon as the weather permits. He has heard nothing to the contrary.
- ❑ Mr. Hopkins has informed Mr. Morgado that the Historical Society will file a waiver for the chair lift currently in place.
- ❑ \$10,000.00 has been allocated by the finance committee for access improvements in Shrewsbury public facilities. He suggested that we review and agree on top priority items for the coming year.
- ❑ Mr. Morgado will arrange for additional curb cut striping at the library. He said they have \$1,000.00 in their budget for such things as access improvements.
- ❑ We discussed the need for TTY access in the disability coordinator's office (Mr. Morgado's office). He has no problem with us purchasing one and setting it up in the town manager's office.

(Mr. Morgado left the meeting at this point)

Appointments: None

Announcements:

Jerry mentioned a legislative breakfast to be held at the Shrewsbury Library on April 14.



Joe elaborated on proposed budget cuts in Massachusetts that may affect people with disabilities.

Calls: None

E-mails: None

Web Site: Jerry pointed out some typos on the disabilities page. He will contact Stephanie Janis.  
We agreed that only minutes that have been approved should be added to the web page.

Old Business:

We agreed that we are uncomfortable regarding the lack of recent communications on plans for the Brick Schoolhouse. Mr. Bellil said it's being advertised as open for public events. He would like to see a time schedule for resolution of access issues.

Jerry suggested that we communicate with someone to make sure progress is being made. Mr. Harris will discuss the matter with Mr. Morgado.

Publicity: Jerry will put together a packet of information on E-911 and other emergency preparedness materials that might be of value to Shrewsbury residents.

New Business: None

Our next meeting is scheduled for April 8 at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully,

Jerry Berrier, Secretary